

## New Year, New Runways!

by David Dietz, ACIP, Senior Airport Planner, Mead & Hunt Inc.

The Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport begins the New Year with important enhancements to its airfield. Its main runway (Runway 14-32) is now 6,000 feet long — just long enough to support direct passenger service to Phoenix, Salt Lake City or Denver. Imagine the joy of being able to avoid the slog through traffic to reach Oakland or San Francisco International Airports! Pilots welcome the convenience and efficiency of having a parallel taxiway serving the crosswind runway (Runway 2-20). A new instrument approach to Runway 14 will shift commercial and corporate aircraft using this approach further west of central Windsor than the current approach procedure. A host of smaller changes to airfield signs, pavement marking and lighting have enhanced operational efficiency and safety.

Significant changes to an airport require a long lead time, but you are probably not aware of how long the lead time was on this project. Most area residents are aware that the Environmental Impact Report for this multifaceted project was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2012. Preparation of environmental documentation began in 2008. Many people will know that the master plan process that lead to these improvements began in 2005. However, few appreciate that the initial brainstorming

for this project began 15 years ago. This project evolved from informal discussions between Jon Stout, the Airport Manager, and Mike Shutt, a nationally-recognized airport engineer. Mike was president of Shutt Moen Associates which later became part of Mead & Hunt.

Their discussions were sparked by the introduction of regional jets to the aviation fleet. Nationally, it was anticipated that many airlines would switch from turboprops to regional jets to serve regional airports such as the Sonoma County Airport. Regional jets typically require longer runways than turboprops. So ensuring that this airport could continue to provide passenger service required assessment of the runway length required to serve these new aircraft. The initial discussions between Jon and Mike led to a series of technical studies, various ad hoc committees, continued involvement with the Board of Supervisors and ultimately outreach to the public and elected officials with the cities in the area. The involvement of the FAA's Runway Safety Action Team early in the process was critical to identifying a runway layout that would address that agency's new design requirements while supporting the runway extensions. This led to a design that included both safety and capacity enhancements. But it all began with some sketches on a yellow pad by Jon and Mike.



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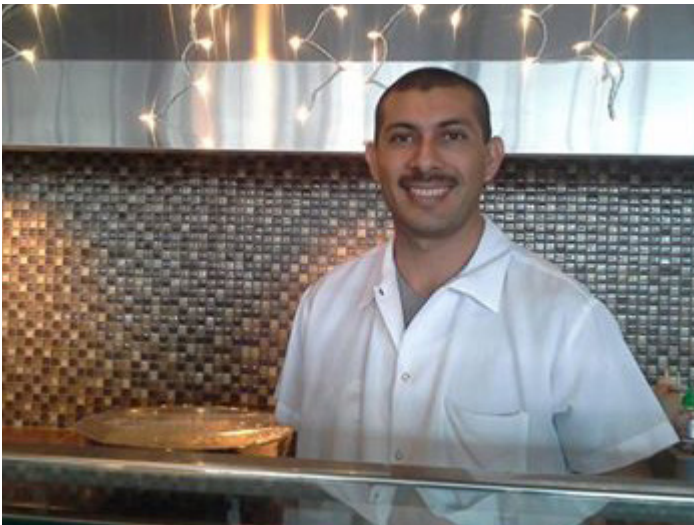


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*Alex Mejia, Head Chef, Sky Lounge Steakhouse & Sushi Bar*

## **Sky Lounge Steakhouse & Sushi Bar Celebrates Seven Year Anniversary**

This year marks seven years for our onsite Airport Restaurant and Head Chef, Alex Mejia. Sky Lounge Steakhouse & Sushi Bar is far from your typical airport restaurant, it is a huge supporter of the Sonoma County community, and features a fresh, organic menu with a wide range of delicious items for every palate. Come and enjoy one of the best kept secrets in Sonoma County.

For a menu please visit:

[www.santarosaskylounge.com](http://www.santarosaskylounge.com)

*Congratulations*



# REACH Air Medical Services Recognizes Contributions of Long-Term Employees

REACH Air Medical Services would like to acknowledge the dedication and accomplishments of its long-term employees, extending special recognition to those crew members who have achieved a substantial number of patient transports during their tenure. These individuals include Ken Suzuki, Terry Gowen, Cindy Scruggs, and Brian Warner.

The average number of transports for REACH pilots is between 100 and 150 a year. REACH is grateful to each of these individuals, and to all the members of its dedicated team. As a result of their combined efforts, REACH has completed nearly 100,000 transports, and the good work continues.



## Ken Suzuki

Helicopter Pilot REACH 1  
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*Ken is nearing his 27th anniversary with REACH Air.*



## Terry Gowen

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*Terry has flown with Reach Air for over 15 years.*



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Flight Nurse REACH 6  
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*Cindy has flown with Reach Air for over 15 years.*



## Brian Warner

Flight Nurse REACH 3  
Concord  
2,500 flights

*Brian has flown with Reach Air for over 15 years.*



*"I cannot express how proud I am to be associated with these four amazing people, as well as the crewmembers they represent.*

*It has truly been an honor to carry on Dr. McDonald's vision and values."*

*Sean Russell, President of REACH Air Medical Services*

## EAA Chapter 124 Updates

Wayne Cook served two terms as the EAA President, and on his way out would like to thank all on the field for their fine camaraderie.

Please extend a warm welcome to the new President, Jim Boyer, and Vice President, Andy Werback.

Join us for meetings the 1st Wednesday evening of the month. For additional information, please visit:

[www.eaa124.org](http://www.eaa124.org)



*Jim Boyer, President, EAA*



## Attention Pilots: Empire Aero Club has openings for new members

Established in 1947, and operating continuously out of STS since then, Empire Aero Club, Inc., is a non-profit club whose purpose is to enable its members to fly a well maintained plane affordably.

The club owns a 1971 Cessna 172, hangared at Sonoma County airport, that is shared between 10-15 members. This allows a high amount of availability for single or multi-day use.

The club provides both liability and hull insurance. The aircraft is scheduled through a web-based online scheduling system.

Hourly rate (tach, not Hobbs) is \$45 plus actual fuel costs.

New members are required to have at least 100 hours of logged flying time, and be checked out by the club CFI for proficiency in the aircraft. Mountain flying checkout may also be required.

The initiation fee is \$250, and dues are \$85 per month.

If you are interested, contact Bob Stratton at [bobstrat@sonic.net](mailto:bobstrat@sonic.net).





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# AOA Badge & Gate Remote Audit

by Lidia Granneman, Airport Security Clerk

Starting in January, the Airport Manager's office will be conducting its annual Airport Operations Area (AOA) badge and gate remote audit. Letters will be mailed or emailed to Authorized Signers (i.e. main hangar tenant or authorized company representative) and it is the responsibility of each Authorized Signer to account for all AOA badges and gate remotes that are listed on their audit form. If an individual no longer needs a badge, it must IMMEDIATELY be returned to the Airport Manager's office or a \$150 fine will be billed to the Authorized Signer. Failure to complete the annual audit will result in the deactivation of all AOA badges listed under said hangar or company and a fine of \$200 will be billed to the Authorized Signer. There is also a \$10 reactivation fee charged per badge.

Gate remotes must also be accounted for in the annual audit. If remotes are not accounted for, they will be deactivated. Once a remote is deactivated it will NOT be reactivated. As a reminder, gate remotes are no longer being sold by the Airport Manager's office. If something happens to a remote (breaks, gets deactivated, gets run over by a vehicle, etc), it will not be reactivated or replaced.

## Request for Interest Lease & Development

STS is seeking interested parties for an aeronautical ground lease development opportunity located on the east side of STS. The proposed lease area is approximately .67 acre with improvements and includes airfield access.

The RFI is located on the Airport's website:  
<http://www.sonomacountyairport.org/news-business>

For information and questions, please contact  
Lori.Schandel@sonoma-county.org or 707.565.7243

The deadline for responses is 4pm on January 30, 2015.



Canadian Snowbirds

## Wings Over Wine Country Air Show September 26-27, 2015

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds are coming to Wings Over Wine Country in 2015!

The Wings Over Wine Country team was at the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) convention in Las Vegas a few days ago, and reached an agreement with the Snowbirds to bring their unique precision-flying act to Sonoma County.

They'll be flying their Canadair CT-114 Tutors on both Saturday and Sunday. Known as one of the premier demonstration teams in the world, the Snowbirds are guaranteed to please. For Air Show information, please visit:

[www.wingsoverwinecountry.org](http://www.wingsoverwinecountry.org)



# Aviation Commission Meetings

Meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. in the Airport Manager's office, 2290 Airport Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

- January 15, 2015
- February 19, 2015
- March 19, 2015
- April 16, 2015

## Aviation Commissioners

- District 1: Jim McCord - jimccordcfi@gmail.com  
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707.528.2882



## STS Tower is FAA's Facility of the Year Level 4-7

The STS Air Traffic Control Tower has demonstrated shared vision and goals developed through collaboration efforts and open and honest communication. Their efforts have led to achievements in safety, procedures, training, employee development, teamwork, communication, community outreach and collaboration.

The facility's accomplishments, have been achieved due to the controller workforce's commitment, professionalism and self-motivation, and is a result of responsible management, with limited facility resources.

## Development Opportunities

### Commercial Development & Concessions

Contact: Lori Schandel, Property Specialist  
707.565.7238  
lori.schandel@sonoma-county.org

### For Rent

#### Hangars & Storerooms

Contact: Gloria Cote, Administrative Aide  
707.565.7243  
gloria.cote@sonoma-county.org

The *Red Baron Flyer Newsletter* is published quarterly. Articles, news items, calendar events, and photos are always welcome and appreciated. Please contact Gina Stocker at 707.565.7241 or via email at [gina.stocker@sonoma-county.org](mailto:gina.stocker@sonoma-county.org) for information. Thank you!

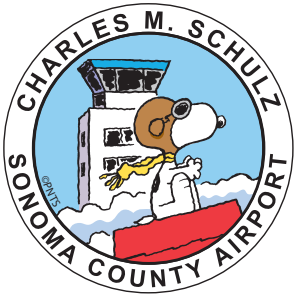


# *Airport Tenant Directory*

→ Airport Operations Duty Officer 707.484.0236

→ Airport Maintenance Shop 707.544.6198 → Complaint Line 707.544.4787 →

Organization	Description	Location	Phone
Airport Express	Bus Service	5807 Old Redwood Hwy	707.837.8700
Alaska Airlines	Airline	Terminal	800.252.7522
Avis Rent A Car	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.571.0465
Barron Air	Aircraft Maintenance	2290 Becker Blvd	707.284.9786
Budget	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.528.2195
CAFE Foundation	Non-Profit	5550 Windsor Road	707.526.3925
Cal Fire	Firefighting	2235 Airport Blvd	707.576.2586
Civil Air Patrol	Non-Profit	5 Air Museum Way	707.545.7488
Enterprise	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.570-3600
Experimental Aircraft Assoc.	Non-Profit	5550 Windsor Road	707.539.5188
Federal Aviation Admin - Tower	Government Agency	2245 Airport Blvd	707.546.4294
Helico Sonoma	Helicopter School/Tour Co	5000 Flightline Drive	707.526.8949
Hertz	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.528.0834
J & R Electronics	Aircraft Maintenance	6000 Flightline Blvd	707.583.3973
Kaiser Air - Santa Rosa Jet Center	Full Service FBO	2240 Airport Blvd	707.528.7400
National	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.570.3600
North Coast Air	Flight School	5010 Flightline Drive	707.542.8687
Pacific Coast Air Museum	Historical Museum	1 Air Museum Way	707.575.7900
PropJet Aviation	Aircraft Maintenance	2282 Becker Blvd	707.284.9777
REACH Air Medical Services	Air Ambulance	451 Aviation Blvd #101	707.324.2400
Republic Parking	Parking Lot Management	2200 Airport Blvd	707.523.2186
Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines	Women Pilots Non-Profit	2247 Airport Blvd	sr99s@sonic.net
Sixt Rent a Car	Car Rental Agency	3362 Fulton Road	707.595.3960
Sky Lounge Restaurant	Restaurant	Terminal	707.542.9400
Solairus Aviation	Aircraft Maintenance & Charter	201 First Street #307, Petaluma	707.523.4092
Sonoma Jet Center	Full Service FBO	6000 Flightline Drive	707.523.2800
Trinity Technology Group	Security	Terminal	707.527.7226
Vine Jet	Aircraft Charter, Sales & Mgmt	7400 Flightline Drive	707.542.8001



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